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ALTON, N. H.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OF

ALTON, N. H.



FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31

1944



ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN
TOWN CLERK
TOWN TREASURER, TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS,
TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY,
COMMISSIONERS OF THE LIGHTING PRECINCT,
WATER COMMISSIONERS
AND THE
SCHOOL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN of ALTON, N. H.
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FIRE ALARM SIGNALS

BOX NO.	LOCATION
3	Brush fire. Repeat three times.
4	Alton Bay Fire Station.
5	Central Schoolhouse.
6	Town Hall.
12	Campground Store.
13	Alton Bay, near Lester Downing Residence.
24	Main St., corner School St.
26	Main St., Wolfeboro Hill.
32	Gilmanton Road, corner Mill St.
41	Bay Schoolhouse.
42	Main St., foot Rollins' Hill.
43	Main St., near Fred Colbath Residence.
2-2-2	Out of town call. All firemen to report at station.
1-1	All out signal.
2	Blasts at 7.30 a. m., no school.
2	Blasts at 7.30 p. m., Fire Dept. meeting.
1	Blast, water to be shut off in thirty minutes.

NOTICE

Brush fire, chimney fire, and all outside fire alarms are to be telephoned to the Alton operator, who will sound the proper alarm, and notify the proper authorities. This will be done by means of a control box now in the central office. State clearly the nature, extent and location of the fire. By complying with the above much time and property may be saved.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPERATING A BOX

Opening a box does not sound alarm: Pull down handle. Anyone sounding alarm to remain at box to direct firemen. Second alarm to be sounded by order of the chief engineer only. Test alarm every day at 12.45. Do not sound alarm unless necessary.

HERBERT ALDEN,
ROBERT EASTMAN,
LAWRENCE SAMPSON,
Fire Wards of Alton.

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

GEORGE H. WALLACE	TERM EXPIRES 1944
CHESTER W. LITTLEFIELD	TERM EXPIRES 1945
FREDERICK M. PERKINS	TERM EXPIRES 1946

Clerk

ETHEL W. MORRELL	STELLA F. AYER
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Tax Collector

JOHN H. McDUFFEE

Auditors

RAYMOND C. DUNCAN	OLIVER M. COLBY
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Trustees of Trust Funds

LEWIS E. HAYES	TERM EXPIRES 1944
GLADYS BROWN	TERM EXPIRES 1945
HAROLD C. RICKER	TERM EXPIRES 1946

Trustees of Public Library

ANNIE A. WHEELER	TERM EXPIRES 1944
CHARLES H. DAVIS	TERM EXPIRES 1945
HAROLD CLOUGH	TERM EXPIRES 1946

Precinct Commissioners

GEO. H. WALLACE	CHESTER W. LITTLEFIELD
	FREDERICK M. PERKINS

Representatives to the General Court

OE VARNEY

Moderator

FRANK M. AYER

Supervisors of the Check List

ELLA FRANCES ROBERTS	LILLIAN M. FIFIELD
	GEORGE LYNCH

Constable

CLARENCE BARNES

Highway Agent

LEON W. DORE

Health Officer

GEORGE MacGREGOR

TOWN OFFICERS

Fire Wards

HERBERT ALDEN	ROBERT EASTMAN
	LAWRENCE SAMPSON
	<i>Forest Fire Warden</i>
	HAROLD E. PRIME

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

ARTHUR D. ROLLINS	JOHN W. PROCTOR
RAYMOND C. DUNCAN	LEWIS E. HAYES
CHARLES E. ROBERTS	ALBERT W. JONES
	CLARENCE F. LAMPER

School Board

EMILY BARNES	TERM EXPIRES 1944
ALTA McDUFFEE	TERM EXPIRES 1945
OLIVER R. SHATTUCK	TERM EXPIRES 1946

Superintendent

GUY CLARK

Librarian

ANNIE A. WHEELER

Justice of Municipal Court

OLIVER M. COLBY, ASSOCIATE

Water Commissioners

JOHN H. McDUFFEE	TERM EXPIRES 1944
LEON T. DODGE	TERM EXPIRES 1945
ERNEST R. SANDERS	TERM EXPIRES 1946

Budget Committee

FRANK J. McGRATH	TERM EXPIRES 1944
JOHN PROCTOR	TERM EXPIRES 1944
OLIVER M. COLBY	TERM EXPIRES 1944
FRED T. WILSON	TERM EXPIRES 1945
RAYMOND C. DUNCAN, Clerk	TERM EXPIRES 1945
HARRY E. JONES	TERM EXPIRES 1945
MARTIN A. LYNCH	TERM EXPIRES 1946
FREDERICK M. PERKINS	TERM EXPIRES 1946
WALLACE A. CROSBY	TERM EXPIRES 1946

ALTA McDUFFEE, School Committee

GEORGE H. WALLACE, Selectman

BUDGET

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year, February 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944, compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year, February 1, 1943 to January 31, 1944.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	1943	1944
	Actual	Estimate
FROM STATE		
Interest and dividends tax	\$1,802.92	\$1,500.00
Railroad tax	194.80	
Savings bank tax	405.33	350.00
Alton Bay tract of land	9.18	9.18
Refund from old age assistance	304.46	
Refund from T. R. A.	18.61	
Rent of R. R. house	25.00	
Refund from forest fires	50.57	50.00
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES		
Business licenses and permits	3.50	5.00
Fines and forfeits, municipal court	15.00	10.00
Rent of town hall and other buildings	296.10	200.00
Interest received on taxes and deposits	531.54	200.00
Dog licenses	226.50	175.00
Income from municipally owned utilities:		
Water departments	1,592.00	1,592.00
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,053.29	900.00
FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES		
Escapement polls and property	408.31	100.00
Poll taxes	984.00	800.00
National bank stock taxes		41.25
Refunds	1,463.22	
Tax sales redeemed	160.25	200.00

Interest from Water Co.	632.50	632.50
Back taxes	8,200.53	
Bounties	29.60	100.00
Sale of R. R. land	1,329.00	
AMOUNT RAISED BY ISSUE OF BONDS OR NOTES		
Temporary loans	16,000.00	20,000.00
Water note, Farmington National Bank		1,400.00
Cash on hand (surplus)	6,436.27	
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES		
	57,910.80	
Total revenues	\$100,083.28	

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	1943 Actual	1944 Estimate
General government:		
Trustee of trust funds	\$50.00	
Town officers' salaries	1,999.50	\$2,100.00
Town officers' expenses	752.23	800.00
Election and registration expenses	209.50	400.00
Municipal court expenses	58.33	25.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	2,098.51	2,000.00
Protection of persons and property:		
Police department	371.83	450.00
Fire department	2,420.39	2,600.00
Bounties	119.30	125.00
Lakes Region	200.00	1.00
Health:		
Health department	240.06	250.00
Vital statistics	17.00	25.00
Abatements	469.16	
Highways and bridges:		
Town maintenance, summer	4,832.30	6,000.00
Street lighting	129.69	150.00
General expenses of highway department	704.89	900.00
Town road aid, winter	6,347.14	6,000.00
Tarvia	842.43	1,000.00
Damage by dogs	61.15	50.00
Libraries:		

Libraries	401.10	401.10
Public welfare:		
Town poor	1,942.36	2,000.00
Old age assistance	3,905.52	4,500.00
Patriotic purposes:		
Defense	162.14	100.00
Memorial day and other celebrations	100.00	100.00
Aid to soldiers and their families	40.54	250.00
Recreation:		
Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	35.05	300.00
Public service enterprises:		
Cemeteries	100.00	300.00
Damage and legal expenses	39.62	100.00
Interest		
On notes water and highway and term loans	1,564.01	
On temporary loans		250.00
On bonded debt		824.50
On long term notes		431.96
OUTLAY FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS		
Highways and bridges:		
Town construction, T. R. A.	393.37	370.25
Taxes bought by town	1,517.60	
INDEBTEDNESS		
Payment on principal of debt:		4,339.79
Temporary loan	16,000.00	20,000.00
Long term notes, water	5,572.87	1,400.00
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS		
County taxes	8,717.12	6,474.07
Payments to precincts	2,407.17	2,500.00
Payments to school districts	20,510.56	21,915.70
Cash on hand January 31, 1944	14,747.84	
Total expenditures		\$100,083.28

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the town of Alton, in the County of Belknap, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House, in said Alton, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay all necessary charges of the town for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repairs of highways and bridges for the ensuing year, in addition to that required by law.

Article 3. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the removal of snow and other necessary winter work, in addition to that required by law.

Article 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of tarvia and application of the same.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$370.25 provided that the state will contribute \$1,480.97 for Class V roads, so called.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow necessary monies in anticipation of taxes.

Article 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the decoration of soldiers' graves.

Article 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Public Library, in addition to that required by law.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00, to be expended under state supervision, for the control of the White Pine Blister Rust. (By request)

Article 10. To see if the Precinct (or district) will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit. (By request)

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to adopt the Non-Partisan Ballot System for the election of town officials as provided in the Revised Laws of New Hampshire. (By request)

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to instruct the governor of the state of New Hampshire to send a request to the Congress of the U. S., a plea that they pass an adequate bill for Soldier voting that will enable every person in the armed forces to vote for Federal officers at the next Federal Election. (By request)

Article 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the aid of the Laconia Hospital. (By request)

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$210.00 to the Lakes Region Ass'n of New Hampshire to assist in planning and development and for the issuance and distribution of printed matter and newspaper and magazine advertising calling attention to the resources and

natural advantages of the town, in cooperation with other towns in the Lakes region. (By request)

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on all property taxes for the 1944 assessment, one per cent to August 31 and one-half of one per cent to September 30, inclusive.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to provide for additional fire, police and health protection due to the war emergency. (By request)

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the purchase of an Honor Roll in tribute to our boys and girls serving in the Nation's Armed Forces. (By request)

Article 18. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to sell all remaining railroad property not reserved for public purposes and to sanction all transactions made by the selectmen thus far.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$360.00 for the purchase of a resuscitator. (By request)

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for a Post War Project Fund, also to instruct the selectmen to set aside a similar amount from cash on hand as of January 31, 1944, and to apply same to said fund. This fund shall not be expended until Post War period and then only by a vote of the town.

Article 21. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 22. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, to elect one selectman for three years, one library trustee, one trustee of trust funds and one water commissioner for the ensuing three years.

Given under our hands and seal this 28th day of February, 1944.

GEORGE H. WALLACE,
CHESTER W. LITTLEFIELD,
FREDERICK M. PERKINS,
Selectmen of Alton.

A true copy, attest:

GEORGE H. WALLACE,
CHESTER W. LITTLEFIELD,
FREDERICK M. PERKINS,
Selectmen of Alton.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Valuation April 1, 1943

Real estate, 35,605 acres		\$1,959,560.00
Electric light plants		77,650.00
Personal estate		112,660.00
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Total valuation		\$2,149,870.00
Amount exempted to soldiers		24,625.00
Detail of personal estate:		
Oxen	3	200.00
Horses	64	5,570.00
Cows	190	1,564.00
Neat stock	19	920.00
Hogs	4	59.00
Sheep	10	126.00
Fowl	5,868	5,092.00
Portable mills	4	690.00
Boats and canoes	103	27,700.00
Wood and lumber (not stock and trade)		21,698.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks		6,440.00
Stock and trade		25,875.00
Aqueducts		1,950.00
Wharves		500.00
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		\$112,660.00

Total town taxes (rate \$32.00 on \$1,000.00)	\$59,931.91
664 polls @ \$2.00	1,228.00
Total precinct tax (rate \$3.90 on \$1,000.00)	2,407.17
National bank stock tax	41.25
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Total taxes charged to collector	\$63,608.33

TAXES RAISED FOR THE YEAR 1943

County tax	\$8,717.12
School tax	21,555.06
Library tax	401.10

Highway tax, T. M.	5,000.00
Winter	6,000.00
Class V	369.88
Highway note	4,172.87
Interest on highway note	598.88
Town tax, Article 1	13,730.00
Memorial day tax	100.00
Lakes Region	210.00
Interest on temporary loans	250.00
Discount	300.00
Defense, Article 25	450.00
Tar	1,000.00

	\$62,854.91

LESS ESTIMATED REVENUE AND CREDITS

Interest and dividend tax	\$1,798.81
Railroad tax	125.00
Savings bank tax	400.00
Motor vehicle fees	1,000.00

	\$3,323.81

Plus overlay	\$59,531.10
	1,670.06

Net amount to be raised by taxation	\$61,201.16
Less poll tax	\$1,228.00
National bank stock tax	41.25

	\$1,269.25

Amt. to be raised by property taxes on which town tax rate is figured	\$59,931.91

Resident	\$23,749.75
Non-resident	36,182.16

Poll taxes	\$59,931.91
National bank stock tax	1,228.00
Precinct tax	41.25

	2,407.17

Total taxes charged to collector	\$63,608.33
Town rate, 1943, \$2.82 on \$100.00 valuation.	
Precinct rate, 0.38 on \$100.00 valuation.	

ASSETS

In hands of treasurer,

January 31, 1943	\$14,747.84
Due from state bounties	119.30
Taxes due town on 1943 levy	5,322.06

Amount due town on 1942 levy:

Taxes	935.38
Costs	115.00
Service men's taxes held by town	156.80
Taxes due town on 1941 levy:	
Taxes	908.70
Costs	68.41

Taxes due town 1940 and previous:

Taxes	1,266.95
Costs	238.92

Total assets	\$23,879.36
Excess of liabilities over assets, net debt	26,638.26

\$50,517.62

LIABILITIES

Due from Class V \$18.61

Balance due school district 12,000.00

Long term notes outstanding:

Highway note 10,799.01

Notes payable serially:

Farmington National Bank (water) 700.00

Farmington National Bank
(water) 6,000.00Farmington National Bank
(water) 2,000.00Farmington National Bank
(water) 19,000.00

\$50,517.62

Net debt January 31, 1943 \$36,467.50

Net debt January 31, 1944 26,638.26

Decrease in debt \$9,829.24

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town hall, land and buildings	\$28,000.00
Furniture and equipment	800.00

Library and equipment	1,600.00
Department property:	
Fire dept., land and buildings	2,000.00
Apparatus	12,500.00
Highway department:	
Tractor house and shed	1,200.00
Plows and equipment	2,500.00
Steam roller	450.00
All other property and equipment:	
Snow fences	700.00
Gravel banks	250.00
Place lot and stable	1,500.00
Wm. Charlesworth Levey Park	1,200.00
Library lot	700.00
Public wharf	800.00
Marine bandstand	300.00
Water works system	48,715.26
Railroad property	10,000.00
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	\$113,215.26

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Amount collected for auto permits	
1943-44	\$1,053.29
Collecting 397 @ 25c	99.25
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	\$954.04
Dog licenses 1943-44:	
82 males @ \$2.00	\$164.00
2 males, 1/2 year	2.50
12 females @ \$5.00	60.00
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	\$226.50
Collecting 96 @ at 20c	\$19.20

ETHEL W. MORRELL,

Town Clerk.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

LEVY OF 1943

DR.

Total taxes committed to collector	\$63,608.32
Added taxes committed to collector	254.50
Interest collected	14.10
Adjustment	125.62
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	\$64,002.54
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Total remittances to treasurer	\$58,313.40
Discount allowed	367.08
Uncollected taxes as per collector's list	5,322.06
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	\$64,002.54

LEVY OF 1942

DR.

Uncollected taxes January 31, 1943	\$7,758.52
Escapements	192.00
Interest collected	218.04
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	\$8,168.56

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Total payments to treasurer during fiscal year ending January 31, 1944	\$6,492.22
Abatements allowed	469.16
Uncollected taxes (including servicemen's tax) as per collector's list	1,207.18
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	\$8,168.56

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. McDUFFEE,

Collector.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand February 1, 1943	\$86,436.27
Received from collector:	
1942 property taxes	5,850.16
Taxes bought by town	1,517.60
Taxes abated	469.16
Interest on 1942 taxes	262.06
1942 poll taxes	188.00
1942 escapement taxes	154.60
1943 property taxes	57,060.80
1943 poll taxes	984.00
Interest on 1943 taxes	14.10
1943 escapement taxes	254.50
Back taxes	1,242.14
Interest on back taxes	198.91
All other sources	25,451.58
	\$100,083.28

PAYMENTS

Paid on orders of selectmen	\$85,335.44
Cash on hand January 31, 1944	14,747.84
\$100,083.28	

Respectfully submitted,

STELLA F. AYER,

Treasurer.

CURRENT REVENUE

FROM STATE

Tax Alton Bay tract	\$89.18
Labor refund, T. R. A.	18.61
Rent of R. R. shed	25.00
Interest and dividends tax	1,802.92
Railroad tax	194.80
Savings bank tax	405.33
For fighting forest fires	50.57
Refund, old age assistance	304.46

FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES	
Business licenses and permits	3.50
Rent of town hall and other buildings and equipment	296.10
Sale of R. R. land	1,329.00
Interest received on taxes and deposits	531.54
Income of departments:	
Interest from Water Co.	632.50
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,053.29
FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES	
Fines and forfeits	15.00
Poll taxes	984.00
Escapements	408.31
Tax sales redeemed	160.25
1942 taxes	8,200.53
Dog licenses	226.50
Refunds	1,463.22
Water department	1,592.00
Bounties	29.60
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY ISSUE OF BONDS OR NOTES	
Temporary loans	16,000.00
Long term notes (water)	22,000.00
Cash on hand (surplus)	6,436.27
Total revenues from all sources	16,000.00
except property taxes	\$42,172.48
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES	
Total revenues	57,910.80
	100,083.28

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

General government:

1. Town officers' salaries \$1,999.50
2. Town officers' expenses 752.23
3. Election and registration 209.50
4. Municipal court 58.33
5. Town hall 2,098.53

Protection of persons and property:

6. Police department 371.83
7. Fire department 2,420.39
8. Bounties 119.30
9. Damage by dogs 64.15
10. Lakes Region 200.00

11. Trustee of trust funds	50.00
Health:	
12. Health department, including hospitals	240.06
13. Vital statistics	17.00
14. Cemeteries	100.00
Highways and bridges:	
15. Winter work	6,347.14
16. Town maintenance	4,832.70
17. Street lighting, 11 payments	129.69
18. General expense highway	704.89
19. Tarvia	842.43
Education:	
20. Library	401.10
Charities:	
21. Old age assistance	3,905.52
22. Town poor	1,942.36
23. Soldiers' aid	40.54
Patriotic purposes:	
24. Memorial day	100.00
25. Defense	162.14
Recreation:	
26. Parks and playgrounds	35.05
Unclassified:	
27. Damage and legal expenses	39.62
Interest:	
28. Interest on notes	1,564.01
Outlay for new construction and permanent improvements:	
29. Class V	393.37
Indebtedness:	
30. Paid on temporary loans	16,000.00
31. Paid on serial notes	5,572.87
Payments to other governmental divisions:	
32. Taxes paid to county	8,717.12
33. Taxes paid to precinct	2,407.17
34. School district	20,510.56
35. Taxes bought by town	1,517.60
36. Abatements	469.16
37. Cash on hand January 31, 1944	14,747.84
	\$100,083.28

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

DETAIL 1. TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Selectmen:

George H. Wallace	\$500.00
Chester W. Littlefield	450.00
Frederick M. Perkins	400.00

Clerk:

Ethel W. Morrell	99.50
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Treasurer:

Stella F. Ayer	150.00
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Collector:

John H. McDuffee	400.00
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Total	\$1,999.50
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DETAIL 2. TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Gladys A. Brown, clerical work	\$60.00
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Farmington News, supplies	195.50
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Wheeler & Clark, supplies	21.90
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Martin A. Lynch, postage	10.01
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Edson C. Eastman Co.	68.85
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F. M. Perkins, mileage and expenses	2.72
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Arthur P. Varney, postage	4.97
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Thomas E. Elder, insurance bonds	135.00
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George H. Wallace, expenses	18.61
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John H. McDuffee, expenses	52.81
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Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	1.30
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Walter J. Morse, envelopes	3.75
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The Jones Agency	100.00
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Ethel W. Morrell, expenses	41.32
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Evelyn M. Twombly, tax collectors' dues	2.00
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Carolyn B. Wallace, copying inventory	25.00
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Stella F. Ayer, expenses	3.85
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Chester W. Littlefield, expenses	4.64
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Total	\$752.23
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DETAIL 3. ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Farmington News, printing	\$64.50
Elsie D. Mason, election dinners	15.00
E. Frances Roberts, supervisor	30.00
Lillian M. Fifield, supervisor	36.00
George F. Lynch, supervisor	34.00
Ethelyn Tucker, inspector	4.00
Thelma V. Colby, inspector	4.00
Frederick M. Perkins, inspector 1942	4.00
Ethel W. Morrell	9.00
Walter J. George	4.00
Frank M. Ayer, moderator	5.00
 Total	 \$209.50

DETAIL 5. TOWN HALL AND OTHER BUILDINGS

Jones Agency, insurance	\$130.00
Walter J. George, janitor service	600.00
Alton Coal & Supply Co., coal for town hall	175.72
White Mt. Power Co.	161.60
Bertha Flanders, wood	11.50
John H. McDuffee, wood	10.50
Ernest R. Sanders, repair of town wharf	112.20
Ernest R. Sanders, repair of town barn	20.75
George Winkley, supplies and labor on furnace	21.00
Union Tel. Co., service and tolls	62.50
Ethel W. Morrell, insurance	81.47
Glenn Edwards, slabs	20.00
Rollins Grain Store, supplies	2.00
W. Willis, care of toilets and supplies	64.44
E. Conger, repair to furniture	3.50
W. E. Varney, labor on furnace	3.00
J. Jones & Son, supplies	33.16
H. L. Barr, repair in town hall	388.29
Alfred Perry, repair of town roof	26.22
Wynman's Garage, supplies	2.70
F. M. Ayer, insurance	50.00
H. Moore, hauling slabs	27.35
Diamond Match Co., material	2.76
H. Prime, repairs	9.90

F. Perkins, labor	12.50
F. J. McGrath, supplies for toilets	7.29
Alton Cash Market, supplies	4.25
Alton Water Dept., service	53.96
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	\$2,098.51

DETAIL 6. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Clarence A. Barnes	\$366.83
William B. Messer	5.00
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	\$371.83

DETAIL 7. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Leon W. Dore, payroll, shoveling hydrants	\$15.75
American LaFrance Corp.	11.98
Boston Woven Hose	689.68
Standard Oil Co.	126.40
White Mt. Power Co.	108.94
Union Telephone Co.	19.20
Harold E. Prime, forest fire warden payroll	86.12
Downing's Garage, supplies and janitor service	103.07
Harold Goldsmith, supplies	10.00
Wyman's Garage, gas, labor and supplies	72.58
Blanchard Association, Inc.	55.37
C. R. Barnes, expenses	3.00
Clarence A. Barnes, labor	2.00
Robert Eastman, labor and expenses	5.00
Lawrence Sampson, labor	2.00
Walter J. Morse, supplies	5.00
F. M. Ayer, insurance	39.00
N. H. Forestry Dept., 6 pumps	34.50
H. H. Buchanan, sounding alarms	60.00
Oliver Barnes, fireman's salary	16.50
John W. Kimball, payroll, treasurer hose No. 2	134.70
Chester W. Littlefield, payroll, treasurer hose No. 1	225.10
Alton Water Works, hydrant rental	5.40
Robert Eastman, salary	5.00

Harold E. Prime, salary	5.00
Herbert Alden, salary	5.00
Lawrence Sampson, salary	5.00
Edward Conger, fireman's salary	10.00
Charles Garland, shoveling hydrants	17.50

	\$2,420.39

DETAIL 9. DAMAGE BY DOGS

Wheeler & Clark	\$12.95
Walter Leighton, damage to hens	32.00
Ethel W. Morrell, expense and salary	19.20

	\$64.15

DETAIL 12. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Ernest J. Griffin, care of dump	\$150.00
George McGregor, 1942	32.10
George McGregor, 1943	57.96

	\$240.06

DETAIL 13. VITAL STATISTICS

Bertha H. Hill, reporting deaths	\$1.40
Frank B. Nay, reporting deaths	.10
Ethel W. Morrell, births, deaths and salary	15.50

	\$17.00

DETAIL 15. WINTER WORK

Leon W. Dore, agent, payroll	\$6,211.55
Wynman's Garage, repairs, parts and labor	53.07
C. A. Barnes, sand	31.10
H. Boyd, sand	3.50
Collector of Internal Revenue, victory tax	47.92

	\$6,347.14

DETAIL 16. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, SUMMER

Village	\$457.60
Section 1	232.70

Section 2	2,322.55
Section 3	272.30
Section 5	71.60
Section 6	275.40
Section 7	24.80
Section 8	594.75
Section 9	249.10
Section 10	208.70
 Payroll total	 \$4,709.50
Glenn Edwards, bridge plank	25.20
Collector of Internal Revenue, victory tax	48.20
Clarence Barnes, sand	49.40
 Grand total	 \$4,832.30

DETAIL 18. GENERAL EXPENSE OF HIGHWAY

State of New Hampshire, sand	\$14.40
Downing's Garage, labor and supplies	68.27
J. Jones & Son, supplies	63.96
Wyman's Garage, labor, supplies	163.44
Leon W. Dore, supplies	26.24
C. A. Barnes, supplies and labor	22.56
George Winkley, supplies	1.75
State of New Hampshire, cement pipe	195.98
H. P. Maxfield, 100 feet snow fence	10.00
James Goodall, 100 feet snow fence	10.00
New Hampshire Explosive Co., supplies	122.62
F. J. McGrath, shovels	5.67
	\$704.89

DETAIL 19. TAR AND APPLICATION

State of New Hampshire, tarvia	\$505.13
Leon W. Dore, payroll	337.30
	\$842.33

DETAIL 21 OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State of N. H. Public Welfare Department: February	\$290.22
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March	318.69
April	380.75
May	313.87
June	306.23
July	340.72
August	278.64
September	333.63
October	336.73
November	327.66
December	338.53
January	339.85

	\$3,905.52
Refund from George H. Davis estate	133.98

	\$3,771.54

DETAIL 22. TOWN POOR

Alice Stevens, rent	\$24.00
Alton Cash Market	19.46
Atlantic Terminal Sales	38.68
Alton Coal & Supply Co.	18.60
Herbert C. Waples, milk	55.08
F. J. McGrath	259.24
Parker L. Hancock	47.00
J. Jones & Son	113.21
White Mt. Power Co.	7.50
Frishie Memorial Hospital	149.60
Gertrude Bennett	195.00
Dr. O. W. Hodgdon	45.00
Dr. W. J. Paul Dye	78.00
Dr. S. J. King, M. D.	114.00
Winnie Chamberlain	249.00
W. H. Titus	74.99
Belknap County Farm	404.00
C. W. Littlefield, salary	50.00
Soldiers' aid	40.54

	\$1,982.90
Refund from H. Carey	428.60

Actual	\$1,554.30

DETAIL 25. DEFENSE

F. W. Reed, oil	\$49.52
Union Telephone Co.	78.20
E. H. Conger, labor	4.75
Fred T. Willson, labor and supplies	29.67

	\$162.14

DETAIL 26. PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

E. M. Ayer	\$33.05
Ethel W. Morrell	2.00

	\$35.05

DETAIL 28. INTEREST

Water notes	\$824.50
Temporary loans	140.63
Highway note	598.88

	\$1,564.01

DETAIL 31. SERIAL AND LONG TERM NOTES

New Hampshire highway	\$4,339.79
Farmington National Bank, water notes	750.00
Farmington National Bank, water notes	6,000.00
Farmington National Bank, water notes	2,000.00
Farmington National Bank, water notes	19,000.00

	\$32,089.79

GEORGE H. WALLACE,
CHESTER W. LITTLEFIELD,
FREDERICK M. PERKINS,
Selectmen of Alton.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ALTON, N. H.

TRUST FUNDS—Purpose of Creation

Creation	Date of	HOW INVESTED		Year	Expended During	Balance of Income
		Interest on hand at beginning of year	Interest on hand at end of year			
1901 Aug 1	Herbert I and Leonard Nute,	Carrie B Nute	donors cemetery fund	\$250	25	5 45
1909 Feb 12	Sarah J J Evans	Sarah J J Evans	Dep Amoskeag Savings Bank	100	25	6 48
1910 Sept 25	Betsey J Frohock	Betsey J Frohock	"	44	44	2 41
1911 Sept 26	Elinore R Avery	Elinore R Avery	"	44	44	2 57
1913 Feb 15	Alonzo S French	Alonzo S French	"	44	44	3 00
1925 June 3	James W Durgin	James W Durgin	"	100	25	3 62
1932 Oct 1	Davis and Gooding	O E Davis and	Dep Amoskeag Savings Bank	100	25	3 86
1941 Sept 5	Laddie A Bunnells	Grace A Gooding	"	100	25	3 36
1933 Feb 1	Willis H Glidden	Lydia A Bunnells	"	100	25	2 38
1933 Feb 1	Lafayette Canney	Willis H Glidden Est	"	100	25	1 50
1933 June 1	Trad B Gilman	Lafayette Canney	"	100	25	1 33
1933 June 1	Ila F Nutter	Trad B Gilman	"	100	25	1 33
1933 June 1	James B Woodman	Ila F Nutter	"	100	25	1 33
1934 Sept 1	John F Hanson	James B Woodman	"	100	25	1 33
1935 Aug 1	Hezekiah Sleeper	Abbie H Elkins	"	100	25	1 33
1936 Jan 1	Nathan Lamprey	Abbie H Bachelor	"	100	25	1 33
1904 June 4	Exaltine L Palmer	Nathan Lamprey Est	"	100	25	1 33
1911 Jan 26	George W Berry	Exaltine L Palmer	"	100	25	1 33
1914 Nov 12	Ellen Jones	George W Berry Est	"	100	25	1 33
1911 Aug 21	Stephen C Wentworth	Ellen Jones	"	400	55	6 00
1913 Feb 15	Jonathan H Downing	Stephen C Wentworth	"	75	33	1 18
1914 Feb 15	Daniel M & John Perkins	Jonathan H Downing	"	100	21	21 50
1916 July 21	Andrew Varney	Daniel M & John F Perkins	"	80	21	21 45
1917 May 16	Minerva B Sanborn	Chest-ratwomby	"	100	21	21 30
1919 Dec 31	Sarah J Clark	Minerva B Sanborn	"	50	21	21 20
1929 June 11	Lewis Varney, Geo Scott Rhines	Sarah J Clark	"	400	21	21 13
		Lewis Varney, Geo Scott Rhines	"	200	21	21 00

CONTINUED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

Especially submitted, LEWIS E. HAYES, GLADYS A. BROWN, HAROLD C. RICKER, TRUSTEES
I, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account,
find it properly touched and correctly cast.
Feb. 1, 1944

TRUST FUND EXPENDITURES

Disbursements January 1944

From 1943 Income

Clarence Barnes, care of cemetery	\$479.50
Library trustees, from library funds	77.81
Town of Alton Water Department	8.62
Care and flowers for urns	10.00
Repairs on water pipes	30.00
Lock for tomb	3.50
Pauline Kimball, care of Kimball lot, South Alton	5.00
Villie Grant, care Benj. Glidden lot, West Alton	1.50
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	\$615.93

REPORT OF LIGHTING PRECINCT

January 31, 1944

RECEIPTS

February 1, 1943, cash on hand	\$772.89
Received from town of Alton	2,407.17
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	\$3,180.06

PAYMENTS

Paid White Mt. Power Company	\$2,339.19
George Wallace, commissioner	5.00
Chester Littlefield, commissioner	5.00
Frederick Perkins, commissioner	5.00
Edgar Child, moderator	3.00
Harry B. Lang, clerk	5.00
Gladys D. Duncan, treasurer	5.00
Cash on hand, January 31, 1944	\$12.87
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	\$3,180.06

Respectfully submitted,

GLADYS D. DUNCAN,

Treasurer.

WATER DEPT. TREASURER'S REPORT

EXPENDITURES

Operating expense	\$592.93
Power purchased	623.38
Repairs to pump house	142.25
Relaying main	673.00
Miscellaneous labor	7.60
Office expense	37.75
General expense	113.05
Job work	26.40
Stock purchased	125.41
Insurance	75.50
Interest	824.50
Payments on notes	1,400.00
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	\$4,641.77
Cash on hand January 31, 1944	1,609.94
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	\$6,251.71

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand February 1, 1943	\$1,393.45
Received from water sales	4,706.48
Lease of water front	1.00
Job work and merchandise sales	150.78
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	\$6,251.71
Accounts receivable January 31, 1944:	
Water rentals	\$1,930.59
Job work and merchandise sales	18.45
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	\$1,949.04
Department debt January 31, 1943	\$29,150.00
Department debt January 31, 1944	27,750.00
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Reduction of debt	\$1,400.00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. McDUFFEE,

Treasurer of Alton Water Works.

Births Registered in the Town of Alton, N. H., for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1943

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of the Child, if any	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Parents	Birthplace of Father		Birthplace of Mother		
							Sex	Condition	No of Child	Sex	Condition
Mar 3	Wolfboro	Raymond Jr	Frank W Howard Jr	Alice Shomberg	Alton	Truck Driver	Alton			Sweden	
Apr 25	Rochester	John Gersh	Wilbert G Nutter	Natalie Osgood	"	Farmer	Haverhill	Mass			
May 29	Laconia	Clifford Edw	Albert G Blais	Muriel Cartt	"	U. S. Army	New York	City			
June 19	Wolfboro	Bonnie	Oliver W Barnes	Bonis Carpenter	"	Contractor	Alton			Holton	Me
Oct 13	"	Janet Elaine	Gordon W Barwick	Margaret Harris	"	Machinist	Lexington	Vt.		Lynn	Mass

Marriages Registered in the Town of Alton, N. H., for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1943

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Groom at Marriage	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Condition	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married
									Age
Mar 27	Farm'gt'n	Harry Whitehouse	Alton	62 Poultryman	Alton	Chas Whitehouse	Alton	2	A. Aubert Clergyman Farmington
		Ida M Tivey	Lynn Mass	18 Def Worker	Lynn Mass	George K. Weston	Hampton N.Y. City	2	
			Alton	17 Canvas Wk	Farmington	Wm J. Tivey	Toronto Can	2	
Apr 10	"	John H Dodge	Alton	16 At Home	Alton	Isabelle Butterick	Barrington	1	A. Aubert Clergyman Farmington
			Gifford	17 Plumber	Alton	Harry Dodge	Alton	1	
			Alton	"	Wm. Smith	Mabel Smith	Albany Vt	1	
June 19	Wolfeboro	Walter J. George, Jr			Wm. Bickford	Irving	Rumney	1	
					Wm. Sandorn	Walter J. George	Dalton	1	
					Walter J. George	Mary J. Mooney	Gainesville N.Y.	3	John E. McMartin Clergyman Wolfeboro
					George F. Durkee	George F. Durkee	Portsmouth N.H.	2	
					Rosa J. Gould	Rosa J. Gould	Middleton Mass	2	
					Leon W. Dore	Leon W. Dore	Alton	1	
					Doris V. Hale	Doris V. Hale	New Durham	1	
					Harold E. Kidder	Harold E. Kidder	Grasmere	1	
					Barnstead	Barnstead	Manchester	1	
						Bernice Carswell			
Sep 18	Alton	Rawland E. Dore							
		Virginia M Kidder	Barnstead						

Deaths Registered in the Town of Alton, N. H., for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1943

Name and Surname of the Deceased	Place of Death	Date of Death	Age		Place of Birth		S and C		Place of Birth		Maiden Name of Mother	Name of Father	Disease or Cause of Death	Name of Physician Reporting Death
			Years	Months	Years	Months	Female	Male	Female	Male				
Geo Sampson	Alton	Jan 9	67	9	W Alton		M Clark	M	W Alton	Ireland	SarahJ. Rickerson	JohnSimpson	Cer Hemo	OWHodgdon
J P Harrington		Feb 26	71	6	11	S John	M	M Cobbler	M	Ireland	Mary O'Brien	H Harrington	Carcinoma	S J King
ElizaFBassett		Mar 15	89	9	20	S John	M	V Retired	F	Calvin Miller	Anna E Page	E Harrington	Cor Throm	OWHodgdon
ElizaWhedock		Mar 15	78	6	20	Lowell Vt	F	S At home	S	LeviWhedock	C'dellaBrown	E Harrington	Mes Throm	OWHodgdon
ElizaBoutinot		Mar 15	73	7	28	India H N S	N	W Carpenter	N	Calvin Miller	F'dickBoutinot	E Harrington	Aortic Sten	OWHodgdon
HerbJ Stevens		Mar 14	81	3	10	Maine	M	Clergymn	M	LeviWhedock	AnnaF.Bassett	E Harrington	Cer Throm	OWHodgdon
ElizaFBarton		Mar 14	81	3	10	FairfieldVt	S	At home	N	Calvin Miller	Sar' H.Baldwin	E Harrington	Drowning	OWHodgdon
AnnaSanborn		Mar 14	74	10	7	Alton	F	M H'sewife	M	FairfieldVt	SamuelF.Burn	E Harrington	Influeza	OWHodgdon
CHCoburn,Jr		Mar 15	13	2	25	"	M	S None	M	Alton	C H Coburn	E Harrington	Cor Throm	OWHodgdon
W Lang		Mar 15	61	4	17	"	M	Retired	M	Alton	John J Lang	E Harrington	Angina Pec	OWHodgdon
E G Crabtree		Mar 24	55	4	17	"	M	Ret'cher	F	Alton	B C Crabtree	E Harrington	HestinaHath	OWHodgdon
NedAlMaurer		Mar 20	77	1	18	Lyon Vt	F	S At home	S	Alton	AlmaMaurer	E Harrington	E Johnson	OWHodgdon
FrankDurgin		Mar 22	76	1	18	E Madison	M	Retired	M	Alton	FrankDurgin	E Harrington	Freedom	OWHodgdon
Wm H Erock		Mar 26	68	7	17	RoxburyMs	M	Cont'ctor	M	Roxbury	Wm H Erock	E Johnson	Pattersonfield	JLMel ghill

Out of Town Deaths Reported

REPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance on hand at beginning of year	\$34.15
Town appropriation	401.10
Income of Palmer fund	27.50
Income of O. J. M. Gilman fund	50.31
Other sources	8.42
Fines	3.00
 Total receipts	 \$524.48
Expenditures	477.88
 Balance on hand	 \$46.60

CASH PAID OUT DURING THE YEAR

ENDING JANUARY 31, 1944

1943

April 1, Annie A. Wheeler, librarian	\$25.00
April 22, Apple Tree Book Shop, books	1.00
April 22, W. C. Gibson, books	1.00
April 24, E. C. Eastman Co., Inc., books	11.55
May 12, Morrell's Store, magazines	34.70
June 1, Annie A. Wheeler, librarian	25.00
June 12, Charles H. Davis, insurance	20.25
July 8, Personal Book Shop, books	40.47
August 1, Annie A. Wheeler, librarian	25.00
October 1, Annie A. Wheeler, librarian	25.00
October 25, E. C. Eastman Co., Inc., books	16.53
October 25, D. C. Heath & Co., books	1.91
November 20, F. P. Meader, books	1.35
November 26, E. C. Eastman, books	21.80
December 1, Annie A. Wheeler, librarian	25.00
December 28, E. C. Eastman Co., Inc., books	4.31
 1944	
January 4, Personal Book Shop, books	26.91
January 4, Baker & Taylor, books	27.64
January 4, Houghton Mifflin Co., books	12.77

January 22, W. C. Gibson, books	23.80
January 22, The Apple Tree Book Shop, books	26.08
January 25, The Farmington News, book slips	5.50
January 31, Personal Book Shop, books	50.31
January 31, Annie A. Wheeler, librarian	25.00
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	\$477.88

RECEIPTS

1943

Cash on hand	\$34.15
May, cash received from town treasurer	75.00
July, cash received from town treasurer	75.00
July 8, cash received from Mary L. Boyd	2.50
July 15, cash received from Mrs. Chas. H. Davis	1.83
July 25, cash received from Annie A. Wheeler	4.09
September, cash received from town treasurer	75.00
September 15, cash received from Palmer fund	27.50
November, cash received from town treasurer	75.00
December 31, cash received from town treasurer	101.10
1944	
January 11, cash received from O. J. M. Gilman fund	50.31
Fines	3.00
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	\$524.48

EXPENDITURES

Books	\$267.43
Periodicals	34.70
Salary of librarian	150.00
Insurance	20.25
Book slips	5.50
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	\$477.88

Respectfully submitted,
 ANNIE A. WHEELER,
 Librarian.

RESOURCES

Number of bound volumes at beginning of year	6,344
Number of bound volumes added by purchase	190
Number of bound volumes given to the library	10
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	6,544

Number of bound volumes discarded	115
Total number of volumes on hand at end of year	6,659
Total number of magazines currently received	22

SERVICE

Number of volumes of non-fiction lent	568
Number of volumes of fiction lent	8,017
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Total circulation for current year	8,585
Number of new borrowers during year	122
Number of active borrowers during year	190
90 books were given to the boys in service camps.	

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

As your duly elected auditors, we have carefully checked the accounts of the town treasurer, tax collector, precinct treasurer, trustees of trust funds, treasurer of the water commissioners, library trustees and treasurer of the lighting precinct along with the bank statement of the several departments.

According to the best of our knowledge and belief they are properly vouched and correctly cast and are a true account of the business of the town for the year ending January 31, 1944.

RAYMOND C. DUNCAN,

OLIVER M. COLBY,

Auditors.

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Crises like the present test the quality and sincerity of everyone's patriotism and citizenship. The times make such unavoidable demands for universal co-operation in the many lines of essential regular and emergency public endeavor that the response given may well be assumed to be the real measure of one's love of country and his appreciation of the opportunities it offers. Ranking high in the list of public endeavor is the protection of our forests from fire. It calls for full and generous cooperation by each of us. Fire statistics indicate that better than 98 per cent of all fires in New Hampshire are man-caused. If human carelessness could be eliminated from the problem, the number of fires would drop to a mere minimum of less than 2 per cent of present figures and fire costs and losses would reduce in proportion. While this goal will not be achieved because of the perversity of human nature, the record can be vastly improved through individual discipline, alertness and cooperation.

Discipline calls for personal restraint from following unrestricted natural impulses to do as one pleases with regard to fire; alertness in cautioning others against imprudent and illegal burning and in promptly reporting fires to the local forest fire warden; cooperation in complying with laws, rules, and regulations governing the kindling and care of fires, smoking, safety of mechanical units using fire in and near woodlands and assisting the local warden in extinguishing such fires as may occur.

The possibilities of disastrous and expensive woods fires are constantly becoming more real. The hurricane felled an estimated one and one-half billion board feet of standing timber, much of which was never cleaned up. To this hazard has been and is being added extensive areas of slash from additional hundreds of millions cut to produce vitally needed wood for the war effort. With the stage so set, greater caution is increasingly necessary. It will pay substantial dividends in unburned forest areas and the saving of unnecessary fire expense.

The year 1943 was an extremely fortunate one because of favorable weather conditions. Many towns had no fires, some had minor fires while a few had expensive ones. The public controls the answer to the 1944 and future years' fire records. If the public is careful and cooperative the record will be good.

Your town warden is, perhaps, more perplexed and anxious during these war years than ever before because of increased forest fire hazards and diminishing supplies of available man-power. He looks directly to you to aid him. Will you? You can aid him most effectively by always securing the required permit before attempting to burn and by complying fully with permit requirements; by being patient when he advises of departmental restrictions on permit burning or that he deems it unsafe to burn; and by giving him the needed assistance in extinguishing fires when he needs your help. To do so is to meet one real test of citizenship.

1943 Fire Record

Number of fires	4
Acreage burned	2
Number fire permits issued	25

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF
ALTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
1943

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PART 1. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

(a) Officers of the School District

Moderator

HAROLD TIBBETTS

District Clerk

ELLA FRANCES ROBERTS

School Board

ALTA McDUFFEE, Chair.	TERM EXPIRES 1945
EMILY K. BARNES	TERM EXPIRES 1944
OLIVER R. SHATTUCK	TERM EXPIRES 1946

Treasurer

GLADYS A. BROWN

Auditors

RAYMOND DUNCAN	OLIVER COLBY
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Acting Superintendent of Schools

GUY H. CLARK

Truant Officer

CLARENCE BARNES

Census Taker

CLARENCE BARNES

School Nurse

RUTH S. LANGILLE

(b) Administrative Problems of the Union

As of February 1, 1944

The procurement and retention of teachers has been the number one problem this year. When there is a shortage of any article and an artificial method of controlling the cost is not used the cost of the articles rises. The same is true of personal services and when applied to school teachers it becomes more critical as in past years salaries were kept down which in turn was felt at teacher-training institutions by a decrease in enrollment. Last year there was a call for 500 new elementary teachers in this state with but slightly more than one-tenth that number of new elementary teachers coming into service.

In this Union there is a total of 21 teachers new to their positions since the last report. Five positions have been eliminated since the last report. Five teachers have left their positions since September, 1943. There are now a total of 53 different teachers, 10 janitors, 3 nurses and 31 school buses operating in the Union. Everyone of these 97 items is personal service and at this time subject to a great deal of change due to manpower shortages.

PART II. INSTRUCTION

(a) Teachers

As of February 1, 1944

Teacher	Position	Salary	Enrollment
Gaylerd Davis	High Headmaster & Chem., & Agric.	\$2,000.00	57
Agnes Thompson	High Submaster & Lat. & Eng., Grs. 9, 10, 11	1,525.00	
George Hurley	High, Soc. Sci. & Eng. 12	1,500.00	
Charlotte French	High Math. & Sci.	1,200.00	
Eleanor Hayes	High, Homemaking & Biology	1,150.00	
Doris Barnes	Central Prin. & Grs. 7 & 8	1,150.00	18
Carolyn Wallace	Central Grs. 5 & 6	1,050.00	35

Elizabeth Parker	Central Grs. 3 & 4	1,050.00	29
Susie Barr	Central Grs. 1 & 2	1,000.00	26
Annie Wheeler	Music Supervisor	425.00	

		\$12,050.00	165

(b) Methods and Courses of Instruction

The reading system should be extended into the fifth grade in 1944-45 and the revision of the arithmetic program should enter the fourth grade next year. Spelling is to be changed next year as the present program does not appear to accomplish the purpose.

The addition of commercial work to the high school curriculum by correspondence is somewhat in the nature of an experiment as none has been operated in this Union in the past. Many schools are thus enlarging their curriculum. The course is approved by the State Board of Education. More typewriters should be added if the experiment is successful and continues.

(c) War Activities

Your schools are stepping to the front in their contribution to the war effort. Tin cans and waste paper have recently been collected by your children. More than 90% of the children in the elementary schools are purchasing stamps or bonds each month. Not only is this helping the war effort but it is an aid in the teaching of thrift. The older children get good training in handling money and making change.

The high school is filling a very important need by sponsoring a weekly evening activity. The harvesting of farm crops by high school students continues to have its problems but certainly their help was needed and much food was saved thereby.

PART III. FINANCE

(a) Annual Report of the District Treasurer

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1943

Cash on hand June 30, 1942

(treasurer's bank balance) \$1,627.83

Received from selectmen:

Appropriations for current year \$22,010.50

Received from state treasurer \$41.89

Received from all other sources	1,039.69
	\$23,892.08
Total amount available for fiscal year (balance and receipts)	\$25,519.91
Less school board orders paid	23,850.87
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1943 (Treasurer's bank balance)	\$1,669.04

GLADYS A. BROWN,

July 9, 1943.

District Treasurer.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Alton, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, and find them correct in all respects.

RAYMOND C. DUNCAN,
OLIVER M. COLBY,

July 14, 1943.

Auditors.

(b) Financial Report of the School Board

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1943

State and federal aid Smith-Hughes federal aid for vocational education	\$841.89
Income from local taxation	
Balance of previous appropriations	22,010.50
From sources other than taxation	
Elementary school tuitions	144.00
High school tuitions	848.02
Other receipts	47.67
Total receipts from all sources	\$23,892.08
Cash on hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1942	1,627.83
Grand total	\$25,519.91

	PAYMENTS	Total	High	Elementary
Administration				
Salaries of district officers	\$128.00			
Superintendent's excess salary	369.60			
Truant officers and school census	35.00			
Expenses of adminis- tration	342.95			
Instruction				
Principals' and teachers' salaries	12,118.08	\$6,663.84	\$5,454.21	
Text books	410.50	186.11	224.39	
Scholars' supplies	658.05	304.83	353.22	
Other expenses of instruction	283.30	257.84	25.46	
Operation and maintenance of school plant				
Janitor service	1,112.70	456.39	656.40	
Fuel	607.02	264.52	342.59	
Water, light, janitors' supplies	425.04	187.20	237.84	
Minor repairs and expenses	602.12	333.74	268.38	
Auxiliary agencies and special activities				
Medical inspection	287.06	42.71	244.35	
Transportation of pupils	4,374.00	149.00	4,225.00	
Other special activities	463.93	265.41	198.52	
Fixed charges				
Tax for state wide supervision	394.00			
Insurance and other fixed charges	42.40			
Outlay for construction and equipment				
New equipment	8.50			
Debt, interest and other charges				
Victory tax paid	153.89			
Overdrawn June, 1942	1,034.64			

Total pay'ts for	_____	_____	_____
all purposes	\$23,850.87		
Total cash on hand at			
end of year			
June 30, 1943	1,669.04		
Grand total	_____	\$25,519.91	

BALANCE SHEET
As of June 30, 1943
ASSETS

Cash on hand:			
Balance June 30, 1943		\$1,669.04	
Accounts due to district:			
Smith-Hughes, agriculture		731.18	
Home economics		129.61	
Agricultural travel		4.09	
From others:			
Gilmanton, tuitions		422.01	
Mr. Robie (Gilmanton)		18.00	
Total assets		_____	\$2,973.93
Excess of liabilities over assets			0.00
Grand total		_____	\$2,973.93

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by district	_____	\$0.00	
Total liabilities	_____	\$0.00	
Excess of assets over liabilities		2,973.93	
Grand total		_____	\$2,973.93

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Alton of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

RAYMOND C. DUNCAN,
OLIVER M. COLBY,

July 14, 1943.

Auditors.

(e) Return of District Revenue, 1943

Support of schools

School board budget of necessary expenses of instruction, operation and special activities	
(High)	\$9,384.80
(Elem)	13,211.20

	\$22,596.00
Other statutory requirements	
Salaries of district officers	\$153.00
Truant officer and school census	35.00
Superintendent's excess salary	384.60
\$2 per capita tax for supervision	382.00
Other obligations imposed by law or established by district	545.00

	\$1,499.00
Special appropriations	
New equipment	\$200.00

	\$200.00
Total amount of school board's budget and special appropriations made by district	\$24,295.00
Deduction for estimated income of district from sources other than current taxation	2,740.00

Amount to be raised by taxation for budget and appropriations	\$21,555.00

CERTIFICATES

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amounts to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the Alton school district held March 13, 1943.

ELLA FRANCES ROBERTS,

March 25, 1943.

Clerk of the School District.

To the State Board of Education:

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the financial proceedings of the district for 1943, and that copies of this statement have been filed with the chairman of the board of selectmen and entered in the records of the School Board.

ALTA H. McDUFFEE,

March 25, 1943.

Chairman of the School Board.

(d) School Board's Estimate for 1944-45

It should be noted that the cost of teachers' salaries for the teachers employed was greater than anticipated for the present school year, yet we anticipated a balance on hand at the end of this year of \$2,000. Part of this \$2,000 was caused by not running the Bay school. While the anticipated cost of teachers for 1944-45 is considerably higher and the anticipated expense for minor repairs is greater, the demand on the district is approximately the same.

At the present time you are appropriating money which is being used in conjunction with an available federal subsidy to furnish excellent noon meals for your children. I expect the federal subsidy for that purpose will continue. The question arises as to the desirability of the district continuing to furnish this lunch free to all pupils that stay at noon. There is no thought of discontinuing the lunch. The only question is whether the district should continue this policy or have the children benefiting from the lunch pay from two to five cents per day. An article has been placed in the warrant for your decision.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1944-1945

School board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1944.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Elementary

High School Schools

Support of schools

Teachers' salaries	\$9,250.00	\$5,250.00
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Text books	150.00	200.00
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Scholars' supplies	450.00	400.00
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Flags and appurtenances		5.00
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Other expenses of instruction	168.00	88.00
Janitor service	475.00	475.00
Fuel	320.00	320.00
Water, light, janitors' supplies	195.00	195.00
Minor repairs and expenses	465.00	240.00
Health supervision	35.50	285.00
Transportation of pupils	300.00	4,400.00
Other special activities	55.00	100.00
	\$11,863.50	\$11,958.00
		\$23,821.50

Other statutory requirements		
Salaries of district officers	\$153.00	
Truant officer and school census	35.00	
Superintendent's excess salary	386.00	
Per capita tax	382.00	
Other obligations	412.20	
		\$1,368.20
Total amount required to meet school board's budget		\$25,189.70

ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT		
Balance June 30, 1944		\$2,000.00
Federal aid, July, 1944		500.00
Dog tax		80.00
High school tuition receipts		950.00
Elementary school tuition receipts		144.00
Deduct total estimated income (above items)		\$3,674.00
Assessment required to balance school board's budget		\$21,515.70

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION PROPOSED (Articles in Warrant)		
To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate \$160.00 to pay part of food in school lunch		\$160.00
		\$160.00
Total assessment required to cover budget and appropriations		\$21,675.70

PART IV. SCHOOL PLANT

We have planned in the budget for 1944-45 to repaint the outside of the school. If allowed to go much longer it will require two coats. We have also planned to lay a heavy type of linoleum in the home economics room and to resand the floor in the first and second grade room and put on a penetrating finish. All the floors of the building have been oil treated for some years until the summer of 1942. We have been attempting to get the oil out of the floors since then and now feel that, while very unsightly they will be in shape next summer to start their improvement.

When the shrubs near the front of the building have attained some growth they will serve to cut the severe lines of the structure.

PART V. CHILD ACCOUNTING AND STATISTICS

(a) Promotions to High School

The following 12 pupils as compared with 14 last year were promoted to high school in June, 1943: Franklin Alden, Harold Clafflin, Barbara Dodge, Jeanenne Dodge, Roberta Drew, Eugene Elliott, Carlton Jones, Barbara Palmer, Muriel Proctor, Iris Simonds, Gwendolyn Trickey and Donald Wyman.

(b) Roll of Honor for Attendance

The following one pupil as compared with 12 last year was neither absent nor tardy during the school year ending June 30, 1943: George Varney.

(c) Statistics for the Year Ending June 30, 1943

	High	Elem.	Total
Number of pupils registered	75	132	207
Average number of half-days schools were in session	350	350	350
Average membership	64.39	114.43	178.82
Average attendance	56.56	107.09	163.65
Aggregate number of half-days all pupils were in school	19756	37664	57420
Per cent of attendance	87.83	93.58	90.70

Average number of half-days each pupil was in school	263.41	285.33	274.37
Pupils not absent nor tardy	0	1	1
Per cent of all pupils not absent nor tardy	0	.484	.484
Cases of tardinesses	104	142	246
Average number of tardinesses per pupil	1.39	1.08	1.24
Non-resident pupils	16	5	21
Pupils transported at district expense	15	40	55
Visits by superintendent	49	77	126
Average visits by superintendent per teacher	9.8	19.3	14.6
Visits by citizens	16	118	134
Meetings of school board			9
Visits by school board members	4	9	13
Number of pupils promoted	48	104	152
Number of pupils not promoted	12	16	28

(d) Census, September 30, 1943

Number of resident children 5 to 16 in local schools	128
Number of children 5 to 16 in high schools outside the district	8
Number of children 5 to 16 in elementary schools outside the district	1
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Total number 5 to 16 in some school	137
Number 5 to 8 not in school	3
Number 8 to 14 not in school	0
Number 14 to 16 not in school	3
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Total number of children not in school	6
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Total number of resident children	143
This total is 18 less than last year.	

PART VI. AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL REPORTS**(a) Report of the Headmaster, Gaylerd Davis**

The graduating class of 1943 consisted of seven pupils. Of these seven, two are attending post-secondary schools, two are in the service and two are farming. The occupation of the other pupils is unknown at this time.

Alton high school opened September 8, 1943, with an enrollment of fifty-five pupils. Transfers, new pupils, and withdrawals have reduced the enrollment to fifty pupils classified as follows: 10 freshmen, 14 sophomores, 11 juniors, and 15 seniors.

Eleven tuition pupils are registered in the high school, 8 from Gilmanton and 3 from Barnstead.

Two changes have taken place in the teaching staff this year. Miss Charlotte French is teaching mathematics and general science. Mrs. Isabelle Fowler was substitute in social studies and senior English until September 29, when Mr. George Hurley joined the staff.

This year correspondence courses from the University of Nebraska in typing and shorthand have been added to the program of studies. There are 4 girls enrolled in the typing course and 3 girls are enrolled in the shorthand course.

At the beginning of the second semester the school day was lengthened thirty minutes to include a much needed activity period.

New text books have been purchased for general math and History of Civilization. Several months ago an automatic bell ringing clock was ordered. Due to existing conditions it is not expected to arrive before sometime in April. Several new maps and a globe have also been purchased. Plans are now being made for changes in the home economics room to provide additional cupboard space and running hot water. Volley ball and badminton courts have been constructed in the school yard for the pupils.

The annual winter carnival underwent one major change this year. Departing from the custom of the past of choosing the queen by selling chances or votes, this year's queen was chosen on the basis of popularity. The carnival ball was held February 11. Outside schools were invited to participate in the sports events

on February 12. Due to bad weather the events were postponed until February 19.

Basketball games with other schools were resumed this year also. Three teams were formed, two boys' teams and one girls' team. Team membership included local boys and girls from the sixth through the twelfth grades.

The boys' first team played games with Nute, Farmington, and Pittsfield high schools, and won four out of six games. The second team played three games with Farmington and lost all three. The girls' team played Nute and Pittsfield winning two out of four games. Rolland Dore coached the boys' teams. Miss Charlotte French coached the girls' team.

The Student Council has done an excellent job of controlling the many extra-curricular activities of the school. The Student Activity association has purchased the following new equipment: several phonograph records, an indoor bowling alley, a checker game and a ping pong set. A regulation ping-pong table was built in the school shop.

The first edition of the school paper, "The Altonian", was published in January with great success by the pupils under the direction of Mr. George Hurley. It is hoped that "The Altonian" will become a monthly publication.

Much of the success of this school year is due to the excellent cooperation and faithful service given by our superintendent and school staff.

(b) Report of School Health Work

To the Townspeople, School Board and Superintendent of schools:

The general health of the Alton pupils has been very good this past year. Last year there was very few cases of communicable disease. Such as there were received follow up as required.

With the exception of some glasses fitted and eyes treated, there were no clinics held in Alton this year. All corrective work was done by the parents involved. Without a dental clinic the dental defects of Alton pupils are bound to increase every year until the percentage of bad teeth is as high as it was before we had school dental clinic work, unless each parent is faithful in see-

ing that the work is followed up each year. No tonsil clinic work was done in Alton this year. It was very difficult and time consuming to get such work done anywhere so the less privileged pupils in more distant places were done only where it could be managed.

Hot lunches were served in the school with the usual success. This is nicely managed by the home economics department. This is part of a very necessary nutritional program.

It was impossible to get time to teach the much desired Red Cross first aid classes in Alton high school this year. However, many of the pupils who took this course last year have been very useful in civilian defense work of the town and have regular assignments in case of air raid alerts. One such work-out was watched by the nurse and pupils did a very fine job. However, a home nursing course under Red Cross standards has been started for the senior home economics girls.

All Alton pupils were given hearing tests with the new Belknap county audiometer presented for use of the schools in this area by the American Legions of the county. There were several hard of hearing cases which the formerly used Maico machine failed to find. Ear examinations by a specialist should be done to ascertain the real cause so that proper corrective measures could be taken before it is too late to save the hearing of these pupils.

Following will be found a statistical report of the health work:

Visits to schools	134
Visits to homes	170
Total visits	304
Days spent	28.5
Days due	28
Pupils examined	191
Defects found	193—1.0 per pupil
Defects corrected	58—30% of defects
Without defect	78—40% of pupils
Glasses already worn	21
Vaccinated	187
Excused	2
Unsuccessfully vaccinated	2
Diphtheria toxoid	86—45% of pupils

Defects found	Corrected
Underweight	8
Defective vision	21
Defective hearing	17
Cardiac defects	3
Deformity	2
Defective teeth	90
Diseased tonsils	35
Adenoids	1
Defective speech	1

I wish at this time to thank all those who have been so very helpful and cooperative with the school health program. Parents and teachers have been very much interested in what we are trying to do for Alton pupils.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH S. LANGILLE, R. N.

School Nurse.

(e) Transportation

Transporter	Route	Contract
Harold Dicey	South Alton	\$950.00
Lester Downing	West Alton	1,100.00
Albert Morse	Alton Mountain	625.00
Alphonse Tanguay	Alton Gore	600.00
Harold C. Ricker	East Alton	950.00

Money to be paid for high school transportation will be apportioned to the various transporters in proportion to the number carried for the entire year.

PART VII. SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1944-45

1944

September 11—Schools open.

October 12—Columbus day—Schools closed.

November 23-24—Thanksgiving recess—Schools closed.

December 21—School closes.

1945

January 2—School reopens.

February 16—School closes.

February 26—School reopens.

April 13—School closes.

April 23—School reopens.

May 30—Memorial day—School closes.

June 15—School closes for summer vacation.

School days 179, including convention and institute days. Teachers may attend state teacher's convention two days and appropriate county and rural institutes.

PART VIII. DEFINITION OF OFFICIAL BALLOT

The official ballot of the 1944 school district meeting shall be white paper 1½ by 4 inches in size.

PART IX. WARRANT FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the school district in the town of Alton, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall in said district on the eighteenth day of March, 1944, at 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

- Article 1. To choose a moderator for the coming year.
- Article 2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
- Article 3. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.
- Article 4. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
- Article 5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the school board and truant officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.
- Article 6. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
- Article 7. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
- Article 8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.

Article 9. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred and sixty dollars (\$160.00) to pay for part of food used in the school lunch.

Given under our hands at said Alton this first day of March, 1944.

ALTA H. McDUFFEE,
EMILY K. BARNES,
OLIVER R. SHATTUCK,

School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ALTA H. McDUFFEE,
EMILY K. BARNES,
OLIVER R. SHATTUCK,

School Board.

